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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Joseph F. Foss et al.  
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For: ORAL USE OF METHYLNALTREXONE AND RELATED  
COMPOUNDS TO INDUCE LAXATION IN CHRONIC OPIOID  
USERS  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, a three-month extension of time is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.